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To the members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee

Thankyou for your consideration

My name is Dr Leon W. Balukas. I reside at 296 Mile Hill Road, Tolland ,CT.

As a Trustee and Life Member of the eight-hundred-member Rockville Fish and Game

Club and a founding member of the Connecticut Trappers' Association, I strongly urge

You to oppose Senate Bill #839. This bill would transfer the currently independent

Board of Firearm Permit Examiners to the Department of Public Safety. Thus any

appeals for reinstatement of a permit which was revoked or denied without proper

cause would have to be made to the very body , the Department of Public Safety,

which rejected the permit. This flies in the face of common sense and fairness.

Since the current independent board is made up of volunteers and has a very

small operating budget, any savings to the State would be minimal.

Please oppose this bill.

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